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SUBJECT: MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE

1. SANDWIDI, VOLTAN DIRECTOR OF LAND REGISTRY, TOLD US CONFIDENTIALLY THAT MALI HAS REFUSED TO ALLOW LOME MILITARY SUB-COMMISSION TO INSPECT MALI'S SIDE OF DISPUTED AREA ON GROUNDS THAT UPPER VOLTA HS CLOSED ITS BORDERS WITH MALI, AND THAT MILITARY SUB-COMMISSION CANNOT DO ITS WORK PROPERLY UNTIL BORDER IS REOPENED. ACCORDING TO SANDWIDI, MILITARY SUB-COMMISSION VISITED VOLTAN SIDE OF DISPUTED AREA AND WAS SCHEDULED TO GO TO BAMAKO AFTERWARDS BUT HAS NOW RETURNED TO LOME. MEMBERS OF MEDIATION COMISSION HAVE REPORTEDLY TRIED TO GET PRESIDENT LAMIZANA TO REOPEN BORDERS BUT PRESIDENT FEARS ADVERSE PUBLIC REACTION IN UPPER VOLTA IF HE GIVES IN ONCE MORE TO MALIAN INTRANSIGENCE, ESPECIALLY AFTER COLONEL TRAORE'S SPEECH OF JANUARY 20.

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2. AS DIRECTOR OF LAND REGISTRY, SNDWIDI HAS PARTICI-

PATED ACTIVELY IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MALI REGARDING
BORDER DISPUTE. HE STATES THAT UPPER VOLTA HAS NOW
ASSEMBLED THE MAPS AND DOCUMENTS IT NEEDS TO PRESENT
ITS CASE TO THE LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION AND EXPECTS TO DO
SO NEXT WEEK PROBABLY IN LOME.
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